



Linn County Flood Fact Sheet Updated 11-13-08

- 31.12 feet - Crest of Cedar River on Friday, June 13
 - Prior record was 20 feet in 1929 and 1851; flood stage is 12 feet
- Flood extended beyond the 500-year flood plain
- Flood damage estimate for public property: \$60,400,000
- Estimated lost revenue: \$5,907,000

Damaged County Buildings

These 10 County buildings were damaged in the flood:

- Administrative Office Building
 - AOB Annex
 - County Courthouse
 - County Jail
 - Elections Depot
 - Mott Building
 - Options of Linn County
 - Sheriff's Office
 - Witwer Building
 - Youth Shelter
- Offices and staff from the damaged buildings were relocated; most were operational by June 23
 - The Elections Depot reopened September 12
 - The upper floors of the courthouse reopened October 1
 - The upper floors of the jail are expected to reopen March 1, 2009
 - The other buildings remained closed during recovery

Residential and Cabin Flood Damage Assessments: Unincorporated Area

Linn County Planning & Development conducted over 600 damage assessments of flood-damaged structures in the unincorporated area of the county.

- Green: 75 (minimal damage; safe to occupy)
- Yellow: 118 (limited entry)
- Red: 63 (unsafe)
- White: 347 (no placard)

Flood Damage Assessments: City of Palo

- Green: 25 (minimal damage; safe to occupy)
- Yellow: 376 (safe to enter for limited purposes; cannot be occupied)
- Red: 19 (unsafe to enter; significant structural damage)

Farms Damaged

- 86 farms in Linn County were damaged

Flood-Related Services Provided by Linn County

- Sheriff's Office provided uninterrupted law enforcement services
- Hauled sand and filled sandbags
- Damage assessments in Palo and unincorporated areas
- Rural flood debris removal for placarded houses
- Resource centers for flood victims in partnership with Serve the City
- Child care for flood victims (in partnership with HACAP, churches and United Way of East Central Iowa)
- LIFTS provided transportation
- Swept streets in Palo, provided emergency repairs to Blairs Ferry Road to keep access to Palo for emergency services and provided assistance in removal of sandbags from Palo
- Repaired secondary roads and bridges damaged from river flooding and widespread local drainage flooding
- Inspected bridges for Linn Secondary system, Linn County Conservation, Palo, and Bertram
- Waived 14-day stay limit in campgrounds for people displaced by floods
- Collaborated with Abbe Mental Health Center, Four Oaks, the Department of Human Services, and HACAP to find alternative living arrangements for flood victims after Red Cross shelters closed
- Mental health services
- Public health services
 - Tetanus shots
 - Masks for flood clean up
 - Environmental inspections (well water testing; air quality monitoring/CO monitoring; moisture testing in houses; restaurant inspections in flood areas; provided flood cleaning fact sheets for public)